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THE "season," so far as publishers' news is concerned, being quite over, our "Notes in Season" column is vacant in countenance.

CHRISTMAS trade seems to be turning out pretty well all about, and some of the holiday books are having very remarkable runs for hard times.

"STARTING OUT: A Story of the Ohio Hills," by Alexander Clark, editor of *The Methodist Recorder*, has been added to the Lippincotts' holiday list.

"ONE Hundred Gems from the London Art Journal," comprising landscapes, fancy sketches, portraits, historical and sentimental pieces, and tragic incidents, is issued to-day in a large quarto volume by Messrs. Lee & Shepard, at a retail price of ten dollars. The book is without letter-press, being made up entirely of engravings from the *Journal*, and will be sold only on orders, without sending out sample lots. It is a book of wide popular interest, and no bookseller should neglect to have it on his shelves.

THE ladies of the Presbyterian Church of Paris, Kentucky, have put their heads together and prepared a cook-book, descriptive of "Housekeeping in the Blue Grass," which George E. Stevens & Co., of Cincinnati, will have ready in January. The book will contain nearly a thousand recipes, many of them new, and all of them tried and known to be valuable, "such as have been used by the best housekeepers of Kentucky and other States."

It is curious enough how spiritualist literature is creeping into the magazines. The current *Atlantic*, *Scribner's*, and *Galaxy* all have papers on the subject, and early in the new year Messrs. Appleton will publish Mr. Francis Gerry Fairfield's new solution of the problem in his book, "Ten Years with the Spiritualists."

Old and New is to be congratulated in changing its office of issue from so purely a book-house as the Roberts to that of Lee & Shepard, which, from its wide distributing facilities, will have better opportunity of pushing its circulation. The change seems mutually advantageous to the two houses, and will in no wise alter the character of the magazine, Mr. Hale still conducting it, and Mr. Niles, of the

Roberts, remaining one of the directors of the corporation owning *Old and New*, and which was specially chartered under the laws of Massachusetts for the single purpose of publishing it, the members of which, representing well-nigh every phase of religion, are associated simply for the establishment of a magazine "to improve the social and religious life of the American people by freely bringing forward subjects of the highest social and religious importance." The new series will be noted for the enlargement of the department of fine arts, of which Mr. William Hunt will have charge, aided by some of the most prominent artists in Boston.

WE have been requested by the publishers of the *Atlantic* to reprint the following card in contradiction of current rumors started from the *Literary World*, which give a false impression of the business basis of the *Atlantic*, which, it seems to us, will never be merged until Boston itself is "annexed" by its suburbs:

RIVERSIDE, CAMBRIDGE, Mass., 15th December, 1874.

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BOOK-TRADE reform is spreading abroad. The London *Athenaeum* states that a meeting of booksellers, convened by an anonymous circular, was held a few days ago at the National Chamber of Trade in the Strand, to take into consideration the question of discounts allowed by retailers from the published prices of books. Mr. Stanford occupied the chair, and amongst those present were Mr. John Bumpus, Mr. Bickers, Mr. Bosworth, and other retail book-sellers. No definite decision was arrived at, but a committee was formed to meet on a future day to discuss the subject.

THE Edinburgh Booksellers' and Stationers' Literary Association have issued their syllabus for 1874-5. The Society is composed of young men connected with the bookselling, stationery, and kindred trades, who hold periodical meetings, at which lectures are given calculated to impart instruction and information to the members.!

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The Reform in Philadelphia.

SINCE the meeting of the trade in Philadelphia, at which all the leading houses of that city were represented, and at which a large proportion gave their adherence to the twenty per cent rule, conditional on its being generally observed in Philadelphia, we have received from the house which occupies the leading position in that city the following circular:

715 AND 717 MARKET STREET, }
Philadelphia, Dec. 7, 1874. }

DEAR SIR: Believing that the present custom of retailing below the published retail price is injurious to the book-business, yet feeling assured that suddenly to change from the present adopted rate to the full retail prices would be to the disadvantage of the book trade of this city, we would suggest, as a preliminary step to the resumption of full retail prices, that after the first of January next the maximum discount to all local buyers not in the trade be fixed at *ten per cent*,—to apply only, for the present, to *new books* issued after that date.

By gradual steps, in this manner, we believe that ultimately the end so earnestly desired by all the trade will be accomplished; but we think an immediate radical change would affect the public in a manner adverse to the interests of the local business.

We would be glad to have your views of our suggestion.

Yours respectfully,

J. B. LIPPINCOTT & CO.

With this, we have a welcome note from the Messrs. Lippincott, in which they present this circular as embodying "the only practicable plan of resuming full retail prices," adding, "We are confident that to at once change to the published prices would defeat the end desired."

We wish first to express the cordial satisfaction of the trade that this leading house puts itself on record as acknowledging the necessity of the movement in which the rest of the trade is so entirely at one. We are free to say that no single event in the progress of the reform could be more gratifying, both to the correspondents of this great and distinguished

house and to the trade at large, than its hearty accord with them in this movement, and as it is now only a question of the most desirable means toward an end generally agreed upon as needful, a continuance in the policy thus entered upon by this house will increase the good-will which a policy in opposition to the general wishes and best interests of the trade would—we speak from what has been said to us by men from all parts of the country—have seriously impaired. We are glad of the opportunity thus given us to speak frankly in this matter, without offense, and we reiterate our thanks to the Messrs. Lippincott for putting themselves on this platform.

At the same time, we can not altogether agree with the modification courteously suggested by the Messrs. Lippincott. The intelligent book-buying public in other cities has shown such a sense of the righteousness of the principle that a bookseller ought to be allowed a living profit on what he sells, that there has really been no difficulty from this side at all, and we do not think so ill of Philadelphia as to believe that her citizens have not the same common-sense, logic, and fairness as the people of Boston, New-York, and the West. Moreover, since the trade of other centres, such as the cities named, have already agreed to sell no books better than twenty per cent to professionals and large buyers, adhering to retail prices for all others outside the trade, and since all the leading Philadelphia houses, except the Lippincott house, have given their assent to this rule, in case it should, by its accord, we may say, make it general, no one house could lose its custom to any other by an

adherence to this desirable and just rule. That a ten per cent rule on new books published after January 1 only should be adopted, would, we are sure, not be regarded by the trade as at all a sufficient and efficacious remedy for the evils from which the whole country is suffering.

But the main point is that it is not a local matter. We do not believe that the local business would be adversely affected to any serious extent; but if it was—what then? Philadelphia is a great jobbing centre; the Messrs. Lippincott in particular, to take a single example as an illustration, are understood to be the largest distributing house in the land. Compared to this, their retail business, large as it is, is a small matter. It is the trade all through the Western and Southern country, which Philadelphia so largely supplies, that gives that city its immense jobbing business. Now these men are all being greatly injured by the existing state of things, and Philadelphia, by its retail underselling, is lowering the retail prices all through the country, so that they can not make a living profit. They have said, time and again, in public, and still more strongly in private, that they can not be expected to deal with those who as jobbers sell their goods, and as retailers, at the same time, do their best to demoralize their custom. In fact, the spirit of the Western and Southern trade is such that Philadelphia is in danger of losing its jobbing trade to New-York, simply because these dealers are beginning to feel that they must have reasonable protection in their trade. The trade of all other cities has expressed its willingness to do this act of justice, and it only remains for Philadelphia, and particularly its leading house, to act with the trade, to make the book-business at once what it should be. We wish no ill to Philadelphia; we should be sorry to see any such causes operating to its injury, and we therefore, since the Messrs. Lippincott have given us opportunity to speak frankly on the subject, say, with all the emphasis we can give, that we hope to see it show that the interests of the West and South are its interests as well.

The twenty per cent rule is the key to the entire reform movement. It is the one present basis on which it is possible to unite the trade, on which, in fact, all the leading houses of the trade, with the one exception, already stand united. In the name of the trade of the whole United States, and in the best interests of Philadelphia, we trust to hear of its hearty acquiescence in that rule. It is the one thing needful to redeem the bookselling business from its present low estate, an aim which is equally to

the interest of the trade and of the public. The bookseller has too important a mission in this wide country to permit this movement to fail.

THE *Literary World* admits, concerning the reform, that "it is approximately just, and represents a principle which should be permanently recognized." But it fears "the sense of honor in all concerned is not high enough to hold them strictly to their obligations." Certainly this *ought* to be least true of as intelligent a trade as the book trade, and we have faith to believe that their "enlightened self-interest" will give their sense of honor a sufficient backbone.

ASKING "Is the book trade dull?" the *Booksellers' Guide* answers that while it is dull in comparison with other years, "an impartial observer will conclude that it has suffered less in proportion to the extent of the interests involved than almost every other industry" in the reaction now being felt. But it adds, "publishers have been less careful to promote the interests of the trade than other manufacturers. In a falling market they have continued the suicidal policy of "bearing" their own goods, and when the retailers have complained the loudest, they have, after securing the retailers' orders, thrown their newest and best books into the auction room. It is not surprising, then, that the book trade should languish even in the best of times." With this we entirely agree, as also with its statement of the many encouraging facts, among which it is to be noted that very few publishers or booksellers have failed. In fact, the trade has reason to congratulate itself that, against so many disadvantages, it has so held its own.

A correspondent of the *Tribune* takes exception to the practice of making the imprint of books issued for the holidays bear date the next year, as now most of the title-pages read 1875. We quite agree with him as to the absurdity of the custom, which has grown up with less reason than that of ante-dating the weeklies and publishing the magazines a month ahead of date; it is done by every one simply because every one else does it. The correspondent devotes most of his letter, however, to an argument that the publishers forfeit copyright by making the copyright notice read also for the next year. His argument would be sound if there were any thing in his facts, but he will find that books dated 1875 are pretty sure to read, copyrighted 1874. The copyright is the true criterion of the date of a book. It is curious, by the way, that so few publishers have adopted the new and better copyright notice, the simple "Copyright, 1874."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade can not be better served, than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, provided they be brief and suggestive, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

A Point Well Taken.

Dec. 11, 1874.

Editor Publishers' Weekly :

DEAR SIR : Allow us to call attention to another growing evil of the book trade. A large library is making purchases of books. Our city booksellers have lived literally up to the Put-in Bay agreement, and we find that brokers in New-York city are supplying, and offering to supply, not only this library, but three or four others, at terms 10 per cent to 15 per cent better than we can give and keep our agreement. It is wrong that publishers will give these men, who keep no stock, as good discounts as they do *booksellers*. Publishers can control this matter, and it is not so very difficult. They know who are brokers, and could easily refuse to supply their publications, unless such brokers would agree to keep the rates agreed upon to libraries. Such a course would not discriminate against any house, because libraries furnish definite lists of books they want, and the sale must finally come to the publisher any way. Brokers who keep no stock, and subscription-book agents who keep no stock, could be and should be obliged to keep such rules as the trade in general agree to keep; and publishers can insist upon their doing it.

ANOTHER BOOKSELLER.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

BRIC-A-BRAC SERIES. Edited by Richard Henry Stoddard. Vol. IV. Personal Reminiscences by Barham, Harness, and Hodder. (Scribner, Armstrong & Co.) This little volume is a perfect fund of amusing anecdotes; we feel like transferring whole pages from it, as specimens of its entertaining powers, if space would permit us. Richard Barham's life is specially rich in reminiscences of the men of his time, and of laughable stories of his own school-days. One practical joke which he took part in, in connection with his friend Charles Diggle, is so absurd that we can not refrain from quoting it: "The two boys having, in the course of their walks, discovered a Quakers' meeting-house, forthwith procured a penny tart of a neighboring pastry-cook; furnished with this, Diggle marched boldly into the building, and holding up the delicacy in the midst of the grave assembly, said with perfect solemnity, 'Whoever speaks first shall have this pie.' 'Friend, go thy way,' commenced a drab-colored gentleman, rising; 'go thy way and—' 'The pie is yours, sir!' exclaimed Master Diggle politely, and placing it before the astounded speaker, hastily effected his escape." Another one is from Hook, who told a story of a gentleman driving his Irish servant in his cab, and saying to him, half jocularly, half in anger,

"If the gallows had its due, you rascal, where would you be now?" "Faith, then, your honor, it's riding in this cab I'd be, all alone by myself may be!" We could fill columns with just such gems, the volume is so rich with the very cream of humor; we can recommend it as fully up to the previous volumes of this admirable series. 16mo, cloth, \$1.50.

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